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Bush Says Freedom House Did Not Get C.I.A. Funds

In response to a request made three weeks ago, Freedom House, an organization that monitors the degree of freedom enjoyed by the citizens of various countries, has received from the Central Intelligence Agency an assurance that the C.I.A. has never passed funds to the organization.

The assurance came in a letter dated March 2 from George Bush, the Director of Central Intelligence.

Freedom House has requested the assurance after its name appeared in published reports saying that C.I.A. funds had been channeled in the 1960's to the International Rescue Committee, a humanitarian organization headed by Leo Cherne, one of President Ford's appointees to a new intelligence oversight board. Mr. Cherne is also chairman of Freedom House's executive committee.